

DEMAND V—STAMPS.

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 95,140 under Demand V—Stamps.

Motion 115.

The following motion was not moved:—

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI:

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 10,971 for establishment by Re. 1.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the House grants Rs. 95,140 under Demand V—Stamps.

The grant was made.

DEMAND VI—REGISTRATION.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 3,34,513 under Demand VI—Registration.

Motion 116.

MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Sir, I beg to make the following motion:

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,400 for travelling allowance by Rs. 400.

My object is just to bring to the notice of the House the reckless way in which the State Exchequer is being drained by this officer under this item. The budget estimate for 1103 had a provision for Rs. 2,000 under this item. Under the revised estimate it rose up to Rs. 2,200; and for 1104 there is a provision of Rs. 2,400. I just want to know whether this increase was warranted by absolute necessity. There might be several Sub-Registry offices in a single taluk and if the Director would kindly take it into his head to inspect *all* the offices during one of his tours to that taluk, much of this amount can be reduced. I want to point out an instance that occurred in my taluk. The Director this year inspected the Sub-Registry office at Kayancolam and then went straight up to Chavarai, inspected that office and went away. After some time he again came to that taluk and inspected the offices at Krishnapuram and Karunagapalli. Now, it could be seen that he has drawn travelling allowance twice for the inspection of the offices in this one taluk, Karunagapalli. The offices at Krishnapuram and Karunagapalli lie just on the roadside from Kayancolam to Chavarai. He could have conveniently inspected these offices also at the time of his first tour when he inspected the offices at Kayancolam and Chavarai.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Does the member think that these things are done by the Registration Director alone?

MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I know it is the practice of all these Heads of Departments.